

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, February 29, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Hermitage, February 29, 1844.

My dear Mr. Blair, On the 26th I recd. the Presidents very friendly letter, giving me the information of the passage of the act refunding the fine imposed by Judge Hall, with a copy of the act with his approval on the day it was passed. on the next day I recd. a letter from my friend McClintock Young Esqr, informing that he had presented a warrent to the Sect. of the Treasury for the amount and with Mr. Youngs letter I recd. one from the Sect. of the Treasury advising me of the same and that a check would be forthwith forwarded for the amount of $2732 90/100. on the evening of the 27th instant I received from the Treasurer Mr. Selden a check for the amount, and now inclose you a check for six hundred and Twenty dollars, out of the same check payable at Newyork. This you will observe is prompt action, by the President, and as respectful as could be wished, and perhaps the best. The six hundred dollars, you will please apply to the interest of the $10,000 becoming due, and the $20. you will please convert into four half Eagles of american gold, it being the outfit of miss Emuckfau, and apply to the use heretofore requested by me. You, in a letter heretofore recd., informed me that she was in foal by Priam, by this time you can with certainty Judge.

When I reflect on the labour, thro the Globe, to procure this act of Justice to my memory and the liberal proposition you made in you last letter of funds to me, my heart is filled with gratitude to you, with the recollection of your and Mr. Rives loan of the $10,000 , and your extending for one year the first instalment, nearly now falling

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due. Notwithstanding, the loss of the cotton by the unusual inclement fall by continual rain, we will be enabled to meet all pressing demands, and with one more crop, if providence will give us a good season, and Cotton continues at its present price, A. Jackson jnr. will be able to meet all his and my responsibilities for him, and he will be once more a freeman having sustained his credit, and having no debt but what will remain of yours. This is a pleasing result for me to reflect upon in my debilitated state of body and great afflictions under which I cannot expect to be here long. But when providence pleases to make the call, I am prepared to meet in calm humility with the good prospects of A. Jackson, and my character now freed from the imputation thrown upon it, I will go hence, without any regrets but leaving my little family and so many good friends behind all of whom I hope to meet in heaven, where the wicked cease to trouble 0292 268 and the weary are at rest. To your proferred and unsolicited liberality and that of my friend Genl. Plauché, I ascribe the happy prospects of my dear adopted son A. Jackson and his precious little wife and sweet children. On the Evening of the 15th instant I had a sudden attack similar to the one I had two years ago, but not so severe. Andrew with his lancet relieved me. How long a kind providence may permit me to remain in the land of the living he only knows, but I am truly grateful for his indulgence to see that unjust imputation upon my character wiped away—thanks to his name for it. I feel grateful to my country for this last act of Justice.

Except myself, all my Houshold enjoy health and unite with me in the kindest wishes to you and your amiable family. please acknowledge the receipt of this letter, and my respect to all my democratic friends, to Mrs. Catron and the judge. May god bless you thro life and yours. yr. friend